

REMARKS

Claims 8-14 are pending in this application after this Amendment. Claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending application.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Rudoff et al.* (USP 6,263,378). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating claims 8-14 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer. In an effort to advance prosecution, and without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims. As such, as all of the currently pending claims are allowed, Applicant respectfully requests this application be allowed.

Conclusion

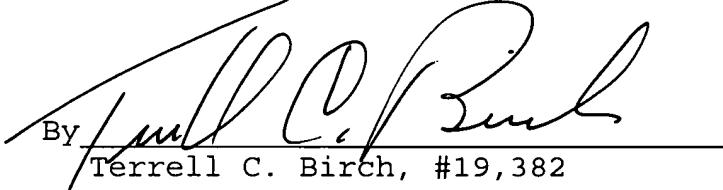
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview

in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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